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ROLE IN IRANIAN CRISIS

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1. DEPT WILL RECOGNIZE SUBSTANCE OF HOVEYDA
CONVERSATION WITH LEONARD AS RECRUDESCENCE OF VITRIOL
WHICH HAS ENVENOMED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ZAHEDI AND
HOVEYDA'S BROTHER AMIR ABBASS. COUNTERPART OF THIS
COMMENTARY WAS ZAHEDI CONVERSATION WITH ACTING
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER REPORTED REF B IN WHICH ZAHEDI
LASHED OUT AT HOVEYDA.

2. AS FOR SUBSTANCE OF HOVEYDA'S SUGGESTIONS, DEPT
WILL ALSO HAVE DESCERNED, FROM OTHER REPORTING, THAT
SHAH IS INDEED ALREADY EMBARKED ON PROGRAM VERY MUCH
ALONG LINES OF HOVEYDA'S RECOMMENDATIONS. AT CURRENT
MOMENT, HE IS, FOR TACTICAL REASONS, ATTRIBUTING ALL
THESE ACTIONS TO SHARIF-EMAMI RATHER THAN TO HIMSELF.
HE HAS LARGELY RECOVERED FROM THE "IMMOBILISM" WITH
WHICH OVEYDA HAS ACCURATELY CHARACTERIZED HIS MOOD
OF TWO WEEKS AGO. HE HAS ASSURED ME HE HAS NO RPT NO
INTENTION OF STEPPING DOWN IN FAVOR OF THE CROWN PRINCE,
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A REGENCY, OR ANYONE ELSE.

3. HOVEYDA MAY BE CORRECT IN SAYING THAT SHARIF-
EMAMI IS AN IMPERFECT IMPLEMENT FOR CARRYING OUT A
PROGRAM TO PROPITIATE THE ISLAMIC CLERGY, BUT HE IS
BETTER THAN ANY OTHER POLITICAL FIGURE AVAILABLE.
HE IS ALSO CORRECT IN SAYING THAT THE SHAH MUST CRACK

DOWN ON THE ROYAL FAMILY; BUT HE HAS ALREADY PUBLICLY
DONE SO--TO INCLUDE HOVEYDA'S QUONDAM BOSS, PRINCESS
ASHRAF.

4. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT AMIR ABBASS HOVEYDA,
WHO IS CURRENTLY LIVING MODESTLY WITH HIS MOTHER,
CONTINUES TO PASS HIS VIEWS TO THE SHAH, VERY LARGELY
THROUGH THE EMPRESS WHO KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH HIM THROUGH
DAILY TELEPHONE CALLS. I EXPECT TO PAY HIM A VISIT
NEXT WEEK TO SAMPLE HIS MOOD AND TO FIND OUT HIS
FUTURE PLANS. LAST TIME I TALKED WITH HIM, HE SAID
HE WOULD PROBABLY TRY TO REVIVE HIS IRAN NOVIN PARTY,
BUT IN THE HANDS OF YOUNGER MEN WHILE HE STAYED IN
THE BACKGROUND. HE SAID HE HAD NO DESIRE TO GO ABROAD.
THE ATTACK ON ZAHEDI COULD MEAN THAT TH HAS CHANGED
HIS MIND AND WANTS THE WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

5. AS FOR THE CIA STUDY, I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO SEE
IT IF IT EXISTS.

6. FINALLY, WITH RESPECT TO HOVEYDA'S SUGGESTION
FOR A DISCUSSION OF IRAN WITH THE SOVIETS, NOTHING
COULD BE BETTER CALCULATED TO START THE RUMOR THAT
WE AND THE SOVIETS HAVE DECIDED TO "DIVIDE UP" IRAN.
WE COULD COUNT ON THE SOVIETS TO LEAK THE FACT OF ANY
SUCH DISCUSSION TO THE IRANIANS AND TO CREATE ALL
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SORTS OF MISCHIEF HERE. MOREOVER, MY SOVIET COLLEAGUE
HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO AVOID ANY DISCUSSION OF
RECENT IRANIAN EVENTS WITH ME AND I FEEL THAT IS THE
BEST WAY TO KEEP THINGS AT THIS TIME.

7. HAVING SAID ALL FOREGOING, I WOULD BE INTERESTED
TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS OF ANY FURTHER CONVER-
SATIONS EITHER ZAHEDI OR HOVEYDA HAVE WITH U.S. OFFICIALS
ON SUBJECT OF INTERNAL IRANIAN POLITICAS BECAUSE THEY
HELP US OBTAIN BETTER FOCUS ON ALL PRESSURES WHICH ARE
CURRENTLY BEING CONCENTRATED ON THE SHAH.

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